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On and after Friday, March 10th, steamers
Richmond, Westernland and Essex will
leave Pier 2, Light Street, Baltimore, every
Tuesday and Friday at 12:30 p. m. for Fred-
ericksburg and all wharves on the river.
Returning will leave Fredericksburg at 2:30
p. m. (tide permitting), Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday at 4:30 a. m. Tuesday
and Friday for Baltimore.
Leave Baltimore Wednesday, at 4:30 p. m.,
for Taylor's and all wharves below, except
Friday Port. Returning will leave Taylor's at
4:30 a. m., on Thursday for Baltimore.
Leave Baltimore at 4:30 p. m., Thursday, for
Tappahannock and all wharves below, except
Friday Port. Returning will leave Tappahannock
at 9 a. m., Monday, for Baltimore.

NORFOLK ROUTE.
Will leave Tappahannock for Norfolk at 12
m. (noon) Friday, stopping at all landings.
Will leave Norfolk at 6 p. m. Saturday for
Tappahannock, calling at all landings.
No freight received for outgoing steamers
after 4 p. m., on sailing days.
Freight received for all stations on Po-
tomac, Fredericksburg, and Piedmont R. R.

POTOMAC RIVER ROUTE.

Beginning Tuesday, May 25th, steamers
Potomac and Saco will leave Pier 2, Light
Street, Baltimore, every Tuesday, Thursday
and Saturday at 12:30 p. m. for Fredericks-
burg and all wharves on the river. Return-
ing will leave Fredericksburg at 2:30 p. m.
(tide permitting), Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and Saturday, going as far as Leonardtown on
these evenings. Will leave Leonardtown at 1
a. m., Monday at 12:30 p. m., Miller's at 5 p. m.,
Grason's at 6 p. m. and Bacon's at 7 p. m.,
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arriving in
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What the Whittitt Controversy Was.

H. A. Tupper, Jr., writing to the
Baltimore Sun from Louisville Ky.,
says:

"Seventeen years ago a series of
editorials appeared in the New York
Independent, written confessedly from
a pedo-Baptist standpoint, which
caused much discussion, although the
author was then unknown.

"It was claimed in these editorials
that in the year 1641 English Baptists
'invented' the mode of baptism by
immersion. At this time it was ar-
gued the pedo-Baptists continued the
custom of sprinkling, while the Baptists
insisted upon the use, in all cases,
of immersion as the only Christian
baptism.

"When these editorials appeared
Baptists in this and other countries
vigorously denied that Baptists had
ever ceased during the Christian era to
practice baptism by immersion, and
the controversy broke out afresh and
with more vehemence when it was
known a few years ago that Dr. Whit-
titt, of the Southern Baptist Theologi-
cal Seminary, was the author of at
least four of the editorials in question.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS DIVIDED.

"From that time on the Baptists of
the South have been divided on the
position held by Dr. Whittitt, and the
anti-Whittitt followers have insisted
upon Dr. Whittitt resigning his posi-
tion as president and professor of
church history in the Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary. Ministers,
conferences, district associations and
State conventions took the matter up,
and making a mountain out of a
mole-hill, the battle has raged in a
most remarkable fashion.

"Under the advice of members of
the faculty Dr. Whittitt sent the fol-
lowing message last July:

"To Hon. Joshua Levering, President
Board of Trustees Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary, Baltimore,
Md.,

"I hereby resign my position as
president of the seminary and professor
of church history; resignation to take
effect at the close of the session 1898-99."
—Wm. H. Whittitt.

"Many of the ardent adherents of
Dr. Whittitt did not regard this as
final, and holding the ground that the
acceptance of the resignation would
announce to the world that Baptists
were not in favor of investigation and
free speech; they argued that the res-
ignation, during this session of the con-
vention, must refuse to part with the
president of the seminary, and thereby
encourage pursuit of knowledge,
wherever it might lead.

"On the other hand, a large constituency throughout
the South and Southwest declared that
Dr. Whittitt, although he had admitted
his mistake in announcing his res-
ignation as he had in the Independent,
was unfit for his exalted place in the
Baptist ranks, and urged immediate
action.

LONG DEBATE BY TRUSTEES.
"At the opening of the convention
in Louisville, when it was known that
the trustees were in session in the
chapel of Norton Hall, near by, there
was much suppressed excitement. I
append the formal report of this his-
toric meeting:

"The discussions lasted from 3:30
till 6 o'clock p. m., and from 8 till
after 11 in the evening. According to
one member of the board of trustees,
the trustees were all convinced before
the speaking began and remained un-
changed in their opinions. There were
a number of trustees, however, who
never voiced their opinions in the mat-
ter, and it was for these that the
speakers on both sides were playing.

"The vote on the question was finally
reached at 11:15 in the evening. By
that time the friends of Dr. Whittitt
realized that the tide was against them,
and when the vote came Rev. O. E.
Taylor, of North Carolina, one of the
Whittittites, asked that the vote be
taken separately on accepting Dr. Whit-
titt's resignation as president and on
accepting his resignation as professor.

"His idea, evidently, was that Dr.
Whittitt's friends might possibly be
able to win on one vote and have him
retained in the professorship, at least.
"The vote on accepting the resig-
nation from the presidency was viva
voce and the ayes were decidedly in
the majority. On the professorship
matter the contest was rather close,
the vote standing 22 to 20 for the ac-
ceptance of the resignation. President
Levering was not in the chair at the
time, his place being filled temporarily
by Vice-President T. S. Donaway."

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General Funston's Weight.

General Funston is gaining in weight
since he became a brigadier-general.
Before his promotion the newspapers
which described him said that he
weighed ninety-five pounds. One day
a Buffalo paper said that he weighed
110 pounds, and the next day a paper
in Albany put his weight at 120. At
this rate of increase he will be a giant
when he returns to the United States,
but he will not be too big to receive
the enthusiastic admiration of his
countrymen. We always knew that
Kansas crops did grow with startling
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Origin of Whit-Sunday.

Last Sunday was Whitsunday, or
Pentecost, the seventh Sunday, or fifti-
eth day after Easter, an annual festi-
val of the Easter; and Western churches
celebrated in commemoration of the
descent of the Holy Spirit upon the
Apostles. It is one of the chief feasts
of the Christian year, ranking with
Good Friday and Easter Day. The
origin of the Anglo-Saxon name, White
Sunday, is somewhat obscure, but a
probable reason is on account of the
"albs," or white robes, worn by the
candidates for baptism, for the entire
Whitsuntide or Pentecost in the early
Church was an especial season for adult
baptism. Other causes assigned for the
name are that it is taken from a poem
of the fourteenth century, and that
a white is a corruption of, or wisdom,
as the Apostles were given seven-fold
wisdom on that day. Pentecost means
fiftieth, or fiftieth day from the Pas-
over.

Whitsunday has been a Christian
festival from the earliest ages, having
at first been grafted on the Jewish festi-
val for that of the Pentecost by the
Jewish Christians. It has always been
celebrated with great festivity by many
nations, each country after a manner
of its own. Many curious customs,
games and amusements were set apart
particularly for this season. The little
Dutch children in Holland went to
church with a dove in their hands
Whitsunday morning, a symbol of the
Holy Ghost.

Perhaps one of the oddest of these
ancient practices was that formerly ob-
served in St. Petersburg. There, ma-
trons of the merchant class would mark
their marriageable daughters in the
richest and handsomest attire they had,
putting about their necks the silver-
ware and jewelry that was a part of
their marriage portion. Then they
took them to the Summer Garden to be
viewed and proposed for by the young
men.

Whit Monday and Whit-Tuesday were
originally both English holidays, al-
though at present only Whit-Monday is
observed as a national or bank holiday.

Early English celebrations of this
season were almost exactly similar to
May Day rejoicings, a May-pole being
erected, adorned with ribbons and
flowers, and games and dances held
around it.

Among the superstitious girls, and
there are few who are not in some
degree about marriage, it is generally
believed that Whitsuntide is an exceed-
ingly fortunate time in which to be
married.

There is more catarrh in this section of the
country than on any other diseases put together,
and until the last few years was supposed to
be incurable. For a great many years doc-
tors pronounced it a local disease, and pre-
scribed local remedies, and by constantly
rattling to cure with local treatment pro-
nounced it incurable. Science has proven
catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and
therefore requires constitutional treatment.

Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J.
Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only con-
stitutional cure on the market. It is taken
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spoonful. It acts directly on the blood and
mucous surfaces of the system. They offer
one hundred dollars for any case it fails to
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Falls to Give Humanity in It.

Capt. Gustave Schaaf, of Company
A, of Monongahela, Penn., according to
the Pittsburgh Dispatch, writes under
date of March 26th the following letter
from the Philippines:

"This beautiful Sunday morning
finds us of the Tenth Pennsylvania tak-
ing a short rest. We started out yes-
terday morning at 5 o'clock and at once
proceeded to do business. Before we
had been a half-hour on the line we
were right in it, and the Filipinos were
intrenched in front of our rifle-pits.
The advancing never ceased until they
were routed out of their location.

"I do not feel it an honor to war with
these people. Of course, we are here
and will do our duty, a duty that has
been forced upon us by some of the so-
called statesmen that should at this
particular time be in our places. It is
a burning shame, and the United States
must forever feel it. I have seen men
die that were too good to be put up as
targets for a half-civilized people, all
on account of blunders made by a civil-
ized nation, like ours.

"The war we enlisted for is over.
We enlisted in a war in the cause of
humanity, or at least so we were led to
believe. Now we are trying to take
from a people what the American fore-
fathers fought for—Independence. Is
this humanity? If it is, I fail to grasp
the idea."

Big Railroad Clock.

What will prove to be, perhaps, the
most marvelous electric clock in the
world, says the London Mail, is being
constructed for the Great Eastern Rail-
way Company at their Liverpool-street
terminus, in London. The case weighs
over two tons and a half, and the
height from the ornamentation of the
base to the pinnacle is 21 feet. Inside
the case there is comfortable room for
a dinner party to be seated, as the
room is about 9 feet square. The fig-
ures of the hours are 17 1/2 inches apart,
while the figures themselves are not far
short of a foot long. The big hand is
2 feet 10 inches long, while the little
hand is 2 feet 2 inches.

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cents per package. For sale by M. M.
Lewis.

"Question of National Honor"

The Baltimore Sun says:

"If all the fighting were to cease in
the Philippines tomorrow there would
yet remain as Representative Fleming,
of Georgia, points out in an able ar-
ticle with the above caption in the
May number of the Conservative Re-
view, the gravest of all questions to be
settled by the American people in re-
ference to the final disposition to be
made of those islands and their inhabi-
tants—a question not of policy simply,
but of national honor.

Mr. Fleming believes that there is a code of mor-
ality for nations as well as individuals.
Mr. McKinley must once have been of
the same opinion, when, in a mes-
sage to Congress, he declared that the
forcible annexation of Cuba was a
thing 'not to be thought of,' that 'by
our code of morality' such a measure
would be 'an act of criminal aggres-
sion.' Mr. Fleming differs appar-
ently, however, from the President in
two important particulars: First in
that we ought to practice what we
preach, and, second, that he thinks
that the same code of morality applies
to an 'act of criminal aggression' in
the Philippines as in the island of
Cuba.

How far the administration, and
even Mr. McKinley himself, has de-
parted from the high standard
of moral conduct set up in the Presi-
dent's message in 1897 has been for
months becoming more painfully ap-
parent. It has never, perhaps been
so strikingly manifested as within the
past few days, and especially since
rumors of a speedy close of hostilities,
consequent upon the complete sub-
jection and submission of the Filipinos,
seem to have gained credence at the
national capital. With a brutal frank-
ness worthy of the age and character of
Attila and Hun, it has been announced
from Washington, and, apparently on
the highest authority, that the proba-
bility of these rumors proving well
founded is altogether attributable to
the 'firmness' with which the 'insur-
gents' have been dealt with and to the
final realization on the part of the latter
that they have no choice left between
'unconditional submission and exter-
mination.' The administration of
Mr. McKinley is apparently entitled to
the honor of being the first and only
government of a professedly Christian
nation, certainly of a modern and civil-
ized one, which has deliberately pro-
posed 'the extermination' of seven or
eight millions of human beings as an
alternative line of policy to be pursued
in the event of their refusal to submit
voluntarily to a foreign invader.

It is no wonder that the Hon. Wil-
liam H. Fleming, of Georgia, finds
the question of ethics and of honor in-
volved in the present problem even
more interesting than the questions of
constitutional law or of political, mili-
tary or commercial expediency. He
says 'every American citizen who val-
ues the honor of his country ought to
acquaint himself with the facts regard-
ing our war with the Spaniards, re-
cently ended, and our war with the
Filipinos, which is still in progress.
We need not concern ourselves with all
the details. A few salient points
will serve to guide us if we really
wish to find the truth and are willing
to face it when we find it.' These
salient points he finds clearly presented
in a brief review of our actual rela-
tions towards the Philippines and our
actual dealings with the Filipinos since
the date of Admiral Dewey's arrival
in Manila bay, on the 1st of May, 1898.

To Admiral Dewey, 'a straightfor-
ward, honest-minded man and a lib-
erty-loving American,' and to our
consular officers, Messrs. Pratt, Wild-
man and Williams, representing our
government at Manila, Hong Kong and
Singapore, he does full justice, and
especially to the perfect good faith with
which they invited and accepted the
co-operation of the Filipinos as our al-
lies and profited by their services in the
earlier stages of the conflict.

The quotations which Mr. Fleming
makes from the official correspondence
of these officers with the State and
Navy Departments are most suggestive
and instructive, and cast the strongest
light upon the moral turpitude involved
in the subsequent change of policy on
the part of the administration when the
appetite for blood and conquest had
sleazed upon Mr. McKinley and his ad-
visers.

"Readers, if there are any," says
Mr. Fleming, "of the debates appear-
ing in the Congressional Record" (de-
bates to which Mr. Fleming himself
made valuable contribution at the time)
"will be put to their wits' end to har-
monize the seemingly contradictory state-
ments contained in many of the
speeches, pro and con, and on the sub-
ject of our relations to Aguinaldo and
his followers. Opponents of the ad-
ministration's policy quote freely from
the letters of our consuls showing the
agreements made and partly acted out
with Aguinaldo. Supporters of that
policy cite the dispatches from the
State Department refusing to make any
promises, etc. The apparent contradic-
tion is easily explained. It is only a mat-
ter of fixing the dates of the several
transactions. In the early stages of the
war with Spain our consuls and Dewey
freely accepted the services of the Phi-
lipinos as our allies, knowing they
were fighting for independence, of
which our State Department was fully
cognizant, and this course of dealing
continued until reinforcements reached
Dewey and our administration con-
vinced and began to put into gradual
execution the purpose of grabbing the

Philippines Islands as a prize of war
After that time our State Department
began to 'disapprove' and hold aloof.
It was then and thus that Filipinos
were transformed from friends into
enemies and from patriots into rebels."

For all the troubles and all the blood-
shed that have since followed, the un-
necessary loss of precious American
lives, the frightful slaughter, the untold
suffering and misery inflicted upon the
Filipinos, Mr. Fleming clearly shows
that the administration at Washington
is responsible. In justification of the
severe and outspoken criticism which
the course of the administration is re-
ceiving from good men and patriots,
democrats and republicans, North and
South, Mr. Fleming says: "Loyalty
to country is noble, but loyalty to coun-
try and to truth is nobler still. Com-
modore Decatur at a banquet at Nor-
folk in 1816 gave his famous toast:
'Our Country: In her intercourse with
foreign nations may she be always in
the right; but Our Country, right or
wrong!' There the soldier spoke. Hon.
Carl Schurz in the United States Senate
in 1872 said: 'Our Country, right or
wrong; when right, to be kept right;
when wrong, to be put right.' There
the statesman spoke." The whole of
Mr. Fleming's timely and thoughtful
article will well repay careful and
thoughtful perusal.

A Famous House and Lot.

An article entitled "Historic Homes
in Washington," by Catherine Cava-
nagh, in Munsey's, gives an interesting
narrative of the home once occupied by
James G. Blaine. The lot on which it
stood once belonged to Henry Clay, who
won it at a game of cards, at which he
was always very lucky. On his wife
being asked if her husband's gambling
did not make her anxious, she answered:
"Why should I worry? Henry
generally wins." After keeping the
lot a short time he swapped it for a
Maltese jackass that Commodore Rod-
gers brought home from a Mediter-
ranean cruise. He built the house. In
it once lived James K. Paulding, Sec-
retary of the Navy under Van Buren.
Secretary Seward bought it, and was
living in it when his assassination on
the night of Lincoln's murder was at-
tempted. Secretary of War Belknap
afterward resided there, and finally Mr.
Blaine.

Suppression Of Microbes in New York.

A Bible with celluloid covers has
been introduced in a New York Police
Court, and every time the book is k-
issed a policeman removes with a wet
sponge all possible disease germs. The
kiss microbe might just as well betake
itself from that Court to more conge-
nial quarters.

The Prince of Wales always addresses
the Queen as mamma. When Victoria's
children were young no members of
the upper classes called their parents
father and mother, and the Queen, dis-
liking innovations, has permitted her-
self to be called "mamma" up to to-
day, when her boys are grandfathers.

I have been a sufferer from chronic
diarrhea ever since the war and have
used all kinds of medicines for it. At
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pleasant to drink, and there is not a head-
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